



SIGURD ANDERSON  
GOVERNOR

# PROCLAMATION

PIERRE

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1,100 blind and visually disabled persons in South Dakota who would be eligible to use the white cane; and

WHEREAS, the White Cane provides a tool which facilitates independence in traveling and permits the blind person to carry on the normal functions of life such as going to and from work, church and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, part of Chapter 176 of South Dakota Session Laws for 1949 reads as follows:

"An Act Entitled, An Act to Protect the Blind and Incapacitated Pedestrians on Public Streets and Highways; Requiring Vehicles to Come to a Full Stop in Certain Cases; Restricting the Use of Certain Colored Canes by Other Pedestrians; and Imposing Penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. It is unlawful for any person, unless totally or partially blind or otherwise incapacitated, while on any public street or highway, to carry in a raised or extended position a cane or walking stick which is white in color or white tipped with red.

Section 2. Whenever a pedestrian is crossing or attempting to cross a public street or highway, guided by a guide dog or carrying in a raised or extended position a cane or walking stick which is white in color or white tipped with red, the driver of every vehicle approaching the intersection or place where such pedestrian is attempting to cross, shall bring his vehicle to a full stop before arriving at such intersection or place of crossing, and before proceeding shall take such precautions as may be necessary to avoid injury to such pedestrian."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15-22, 1954, as

## WHITE CANE WEEK

in South Dakota and do urge all South Dakotans to make special observance of the week and remind themselves and their families and friends of the importance of the White Cane to the blind and visually disabled. I do further urge South Dakotans to make White Cane Week as an appropriate time to make a special effort to express appreciation to the blind citizens in their community for the contributions they are making to community life and society in general.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 14th day of May, 1954.

ATTEST:

.....Sigurd Anderson.....  
Governor

.....Geraldine Ostreet.....  
Secretary of State

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